



STATE OF INDIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
State House, Second Floor
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Governor

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RE: Indiana Launches New Effort to Combat Meth Abuse Starting July 1, 2005

Dear Indiana Retailers and Citizens:

The manufacturing and abuse of methamphetamine in Indiana, as well as other parts of the United States, knows no boundaries. If this day is similar to most other days, the Indiana State Police will bust four meth labs, but the effects of methamphetamine extend well beyond law enforcement. This crisis is devastating to our families and children, our schools, neighborhoods and the environment.

On May 10, 2005, I signed into law Indiana's strongest weapon in the battle against meth. The new law requires retailers to keep medications containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine behind a counter, in a locked case or directly in front of a pharmacy counter that has video surveillance. I regret these restrictions will cause a minor inconvenience to the Hoosiers needing these cold remedies and the retailers that sell them, but ephedrine or pseudoephedrine represent the key ingredients in the manufacturing of methamphetamine. This new law has proven to work in other states. Oklahoma reduced meth lab busts by 50% in one year after enacting similar restrictions.

I am asking for your support and diligence in observing this law as we work together to address the meth epidemic in our state. For more information regarding the Meth-Free Indiana Plan, please visit the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute website at <http://www.in.gov/cji>.

Sincerely,

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.